

“Angles on Relativism: Historical, Anthropological, Political, and Philosophical”

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4:00-6:00
University Club
Reception to follow
the talk



Smith's research is largely theoretical and interdisciplinary. She was initially trained in biology, experimental psychology and philosophy at City College in New York and later studied English and American literature at Brandeis University, specializing in language theory, poetics and the literature of the English Renaissance. Her current work focuses on developments in cognitive science and the philosophy of biology and intellectual issues involving science and religion. Her most recent books include *Scandalous Knowledge: Science, Truth and the Human* (2005/6), and *Natural Reflections: Human Cognition at the Nexus of Science and Religion* (forthcoming, 2010). In 1988, she was elected president of the Modern Language Association.

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